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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE REMARKS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR TOON TO THE HISTADRUT SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE AT TEL AVIV SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13. BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. PRIME MINISTER, MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, AMBASSADOR LEE, HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU AGAIN THIS YEAR TO HONOR THE EFFORTS OF THE HISTADRUT WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE BUILDING OF THE ISRAELI SOCIETY AND NATION.

2. I AM GLAD TO SEE HERE, ONCE AGAIN, SO MANY VETERANS OF YOUR MOVEMENT AND TO MEET WITH SO MANY OF YOUR FIRENDS AND SUPPORTERS FROM BOTH CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. I AM ALSO PLEASED THAT MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE FROM CANADA, AMBASSADOR LEE, IS ABLE TO SHARE THIS OCCASION WITH ME.

3. AS YOU ALL KNOW THE UNITED STATES HAS JUST HAD ITS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND GOVERNOR CARTER IS NOW PRESIDENT
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ELECT. SINCE SUCH CHANGES GENERALLY TEND TO ENGENDER A

CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ANXIETY IN THE MINDS OF OUR FIRENDS, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU ON THIS OCCASION THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS TO A LARGE EXTENT A BIPARTISAN POLICY AND NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE ITS DIRECTION SIGNIFICANTLY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY AND SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL WHICH WAS CLEARLY REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENTS OF BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND GOVERNOR CARTER DURING THE RECENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THIS IS SO, NOTWITHSTANDING SUCH OCCASIONS LIKE THE ONE WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

4. BY NOW EVERYONE HAS HEARD STORIES OF MY MEETING WITH THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER YESTERDAY ON THE SUBJECT OF THE UNITED STATES' POSITION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

5. LET ME RESTATE HERE THE RATIONALE FOR OUR POSITION WHICH I HAVE ALREADY CONVEYED TO MR. ALLON. WE SUPPORTED THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT THIS WEEK BECAUSE IT REFLECTED OUR LONG-STANDING POSITION REGARDING THE STANDARDS WHICH SHOULD GOVERN ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS IS A POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN PUBLICLY IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. MOREOVER, YOU SHOULD KNOW WE HAD WORKED WITH SUCCESS TO ELIMINATE FROM THE PRESENT STATEMENT ELEMENTS WE COULD NOT ACCEPT--ELEMENTS WHICH HAD, FOR EXAMPLE, MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THE STATEMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAJORITY IN MAY. THEN HAVING SUCCEEDED IN THIS PRESENT EFFORT, IT WAS LOGICAL FOR US TO JOIN IN THE CONSENSUS. THE FUNDAMENTAL POINT FOR ALL OF US TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST, IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, MAINTAIN ITS CREDIBILITY...OTHERWISE OUR INFLUENCE IN THIS AND OTHER CRITICAL AREAS OF THE WORLD WILL BE SERIOUSLY DOWNGRADED. THAT, BASICALLY, IS WHY WE TOOK THE POSITION WE DID IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK.

6. NOW HAVING SPOKEN VERY FRANKLY, AS I THINK YOU KNOW IS MY CUSTOM, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT FRIENDS CAN DISAGREE WITHOUT LOSING THAT ESSENTIAL TRUST THAT JOINS THEM TOGETHER. IN THAT SPIRIT, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE
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OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE THE HISTADRUT AND ITS FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE AND ARE TRYING TO DO TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE DAILY LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

7. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN STRIVING FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR PEOPLE. END TEXT.
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